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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers increase water release from Tuttle Creek

Kansas City, Mo – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, announced plans today to increase the amount of water released from Tuttle Creek Dam. According to district representatives recent rainfall in the Kansas River Basin has resulted in significant inflows into Tuttle Creek Lake and the lake elevation must be lowered to prepare for future rain events. The plan calls for an increase in the amount of water released from Tuttle Creek from 500 to 8,000 cubic feet per second over the next 24-hours.

The increased release will potentially inundate Least Tern habitat along the Kansas River, and District biologists are working in coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to monitor the situation carefully. Representatives from both agencies will attempt to move affected chicks to higher ground prior to habitat inundation, while other chicks located in nesting colonies farther downstream are not expected to be impacted.

It is the goal of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to successfully balance the requirements to provide adequate nesting habitat for the Least Tern and other endangered species while providing an appropriate level of flood control and mitigation in accordance with applicable regulations.

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. www.nwk.usace.army.mil.